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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON ECONOMIC
RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA

REF: A. STATE 43324 B. LONDON 3275 C. PARIS 7321
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1. IN REFTEL A TO ADDRESSEES, DEPARTMENT RECOUNTED MEETING
OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK ON FEBRUARY 11-12 AND
AGREEMENT TO ARRANGE MEETING SOON IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS
FUTURE ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF THE FIVE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

2. REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEES CONFER WITH HOST GOVERNMENT
AGAIN AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND CONVEY FOLLOWING:

3. USG, AFTER REVIEWING INITIAL RESPONSES CITED IN REFTELS, PROPOSES TO HOST MEETING OF "EXPERTS" ON MARCH 16 AND 17 IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS RATHER THAN TO REACH FIRM AGREEMENTS.

4. U.S. PROPOSES THAT OPENING SESSION BE CHAIRED BY RICHARD M. MOOSE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AND SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM B. EDMONDSON.

5. PROPOSED AGENDA:

A. OPENING SESSION: GENERAL REVIEW OF PARTICIPANT NATIONS' OVERALL POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA, FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION OF MAIN POINTS OF AGREEMENT OR DIFFERENCE REGARDING OBJECTIVES, GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH CHANGE MIGHT BE CONSIDERED.

B. REVIEW OF CURRENT ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIPS OF PARTICIPANT NATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA NOTING PARTICULARLY RECENT POLICY CHANGES, IF ANY.

C. OPTIONS FOR CHANGES IN PRESENT POLICIES, INCLUDING:
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-- TRADE MEASURES
-- PRIVATE INVESTMENT, INCLUDING CODES OF CONDUCT AND TAX CREDITS
-- COMMERCIAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES
-- OFFICIAL EXPORT PROMOTION ACTIVITIES
-- OFFICIAL EXPORT CREDITS

NOTE: DISCUSSION OF ABOVE SUBJECT HEADINGS COULD INCLUDE COMMENTARY ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH PARTICIPANT GOVERNMENTS CAN INSTITUTE CHANGES THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OR MUST SEEK LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION, AS WELL AS DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ECONOMIC IMPACT THAT CHANGES MIGHT HAVE UPON PARTICIPANT NATIONS, SOUTH AFRICA, OR THIRD COUNTRIES.

D. CONSIDERATIONS OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS, INCLUDING THE UN CONTEXT.

6. BEGIN FYI. SELECTION OF MARCH 16,17 DATES DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE BONN PREFERENCE TO HAVE MEETING IN "SECOND HALF" OF MARCH AND LONDON PREFERENCE TO HAVE TALKS

PROMPTLY AND BEFORE UN DEBATE.

7. FOR LONDON: UK TEAM ALREADY SCHEDULED TO VISIT WASHINGTON MARCH 14-15 TO DISCUSS US/UK VIEWS ON WIDE RANGE OF AFRICAN TOPICS, INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA. TRUST UK OFFICIALS WILL FIND IT CONVENIENT TO HAVE BOTH MEETINGS BACK-TO-BACK.

8. FOR PARIS: FRENCH DCM VISITED DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 1 TO CONFIRM INTERALIA MESSAGE IN PARIS 7321 ABOUT WILLINGNESS TO MEET SOON.
END FYI.

9. REQUEST HOST GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO INVITATION AS
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SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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